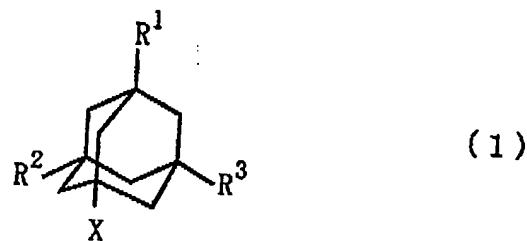


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An adamantanetricarboxylic acid derivative represented by following Formula (1):



wherein X is a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group; and R¹, R² and R³ may be the same as or different from one another and are each a carboxyl group which may be protected by a protecting group, or a carbonyl halide group, wherein at least one of R¹, R² and R³ is a carbonyl halide group or a carboxyl group which is protected by a protecting group selected from the group consisting of alkoxy groups, cycloalkyloxy groups, tetrahydrofuranyloxy groups, tetrahydropyryanyloxy groups, aryloxy groups, aralkyloxy groups, trialkylsilyloxy groups, amino groups which may have one or more substituents, cyclic amino groups, hydrazino groups which may have one or more substituents, and acyloxy groups, or a carbonyl halide group.